

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 8 with the following:

The construction of the flow channel/interconnect plates and the cells casing/holder plate is shown in greater detail in Figure 2. As shown, lower flow channel/interconnect plate 40 is provided with pairs of openings 41-42 and 43-44 and a plurality of spaced protruding members 45 forming flow channels or passageways 46 there between through which air passes at indicated plates 11 and 14 in Figure 1. Members 45 and flow channels 46 are located on both sides of any center plate, such as plate 14 in Figure 1, but are located on only one side of plates 40 and 60 in Figure 2. Cell casing/holder plate 50, similar to plates 12 and 15 of Figure 1, includes a pair of openings 51-52 and 53-54 at each end, central opening 55 and a cut-away or counter-sink 56 which defines a rim surface or flange 57 on which a cell 58 is mounted in a peripheral surface sealing arrangement. Cutaway 56 is also provided with two sets of angled slots 59 at each end and extending radically from openings 51 and 54 and provide gas flow distribution. Note that the cutaway 56 is configured to include opening 51 at one end and opposite opening 54 at the other end, which allows only passage of fuel across the cell 58 as seen in plates 12 and 15 in Figure 1. Flow channel/interconnect plate 60 is constructed similar to plate 40 and includes ~~pavis~~ pairs of openings 61-62 and 63-64 at opposite ends and a ~~plurality~~ plurality of spaced members 65 forming passageways 66 there between. As shown, when cell 58 is mounted in plate 50 and plates 40, 50 and 60 are

assembled, the openings in the plates are in alignment for passage there through of air or fuel, as in Figure 1.